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LVC seeks Middle States accreditation

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LA VIE STAFF WRITER

Any student who has been in academia knows that being able to work in a group and produce an effective product is crucial to being a marketable employee, whether it is doing research or making a public relations plan. This challenge grows even larger as the scope widens, and fitting every piece together becomes difficult.

Since the winter of 2009, LVC faculty and administration have been working on a report which pulls resources and manpower from nearly every dimension of the college. This self-study report for the Middle States Accreditation Process will have a tremendous impact on LVC's future. Middle

States is a nongovernmental agency which conducts evaluations of colleges in this region of the nation every 10 years, essentially to determine whether the college is meeting the standards Middle States deems necessary to a worthwhile education.

If a college is approved for accreditation, it gains eligibility for federally backed financial aid, a figure which ran between \$7 million and \$8 million for LVC last year. If a student attends an accredited school, this status also allows any class credits he/she accumulates to be transferred to another institution.

LVC, which has been an accredited college since 1922, will be up for re-accreditation in 2012.

The first part of this process will be the completion of the self-study

report, which must focus on Middle States' 14 key standards and how the college fulfills each one. In doing so, the report will also attempt to answer the question, "What is the value of receiving a liberal arts education at LVC?"

Each of the 14 standards is bundled into one of six chapters within the report, and the information for each chapter is being compiled by Working Groups made up of faculty, administration and students.

A report of this magnitude, of course, requires some guidance, which is where Dr. Cheryl George, professor of education, and Jennifer Liedtka, director of institutional research, come in. George and Liedtka serve as co-chairs of the Steering Committee, which is a sort of "project management group" overseeing the six Working

Groups.

"We make sure that the Work Groups have what they need, make sure that the process is moving along and that we're staying true to our timelines," George says.

Dr. Michael Green, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty, also plays a vital role in the process, serving as a main conduit of information and communication between Middle States and LVC.

"I'm assisting to make sure that the Steering Committee and the Working Groups are getting the information that they need in order to write this. And I would say that that would be true for all the general officers and all the vice presidents; all of us are responsible for assisting the Steering Committee in See **MIDDLE STATES** | Page 2

LVC partners with NCTC

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As of this fall 2010, Lebanon Valley has entered into a two-year partnership with the Pennsylvania National Guard's Northeast Counterdrug Training Center (NCTC). Through this partnership, NCTC students will be eligible to receive undergraduate credit from LVC for select courses, and LVC students in the criminal justice program will have the opportunity to intern with NCTC.

NCTC was founded in 1999 and strives to protect society from the devastating effects of substance abuse. It is based at Fort Indiantown Gap and provides local, state and federal law enforcement officials and community

prevention specialists with free counterdrug and counterterrorism training. A federally funded organization, NCTC is the only military-operated public safety training academy in the nation accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

"We are pleased to welcome NCTC students to our campus and that NCTC has agreed to accept LVC student interns," says Michael Green, vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty. "LVC has a history of supporting students with military and law enforcement backgrounds, and we are proud to continue that tradition."

LVC criminal justice majors may apply for an internship with NCTC, which will provide a real-

life, hands-on experience prior to their graduation. There are currently 47 students at LVC enrolled as criminal justice majors. In this major, students study a combination of classes from sociology and political science, ensuring a well-rounded education of the social, psychological, political and legal issues relevant to the problem of crime.

As Carolyn Hanes, professor of criminal justice and internship director, states, "This is going to be a unique and exciting high-impact learning experience for our students."

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MISA to hold fundraiser for Greenwalts

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A benefit show for Fred and Susan Greenawalt will take place Saturday, Oct. 2, at 7:30 p.m., in Lutz Hall, located in the Blair Music Center.

The concert is being held by the Lebanon Valley College Music Industry Student Association (MISA). The concert will benefit the Greenawalt family as they battle medical costs from a surgery and related complications. Susan Greenawalt has been the assistant for graduate studies and continued

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education for 21 years.

Bands Thomas and the Skank Engines, Trunks & Tales, Shoeless Grooves and When East Meets West will play at the concert. There will be \$2 donation at the door.

Thomas and the Skank Engines consists of LVC students Tom Fitzpatrick '12, Rachel Lightner '12, Keith Novak '11, Blake Harrison-Lane '12, Jamie Haraschak '12, Scott Holman '12, Anna Susan Reber '12 and Andrew Veirtz '12. The band plays ska with a mixture of rhythm guitars and basses and a horn section.

Trunks & Tales is a band based in Harrisburg led by Daniel Anderson. They perform acoustic and post-hardcore music and have created EPs and played in nearly 200

shows.

The members of Shoeless Grooves are Ryan Frantz '11, Matt Houston '11, Stephen Hackett '11, and Aaron Trasatt '11, all LVC students. They play a combination of jazz, funk and jam fusion. They have been together and playing on the campus for three years.

When East Meets West consists of Brandon Bicking, Ben Diana, Carl Wolfe, KT Laiso, and Ryan Laiso. They perform folk, punk and acoustic music and hail from Hazleton.

All donations will help to cover the medical expenses of the Greenawalt family, particularly for Fred. During a surgery Fred had on April 7 for a brain tumor, he suffered three strokes. After spending

four-and-a-half months going from Hershey Medical Center, Hershey Rehabilitation Hospital and a Myerstown nursing home, Fred is now back at home.

As Phillip Freeman '11, president of MISA, explains, "MISA is an organization that is first and foremost dedicated to the power of music. Holding the Greenawalt Fundraiser Concert is proof of how music can bring about positive change and growth for all kinds of people in challenging circumstances. We are honored and proud to support the Greenawalt family. Holding a concert to raise funds for medical payments and family expenses is the very least we can do."

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that way," Green explains.

Dr. Ann Damiano, associate dean for academic affairs, will be compiling the report. If the 14 standards and underlying questions aren't enough to keep everyone on their toes, there's just one more catch: The self-study must be 100 pages long or under (not including appendices). Fortunately, Damiano, in her first year at LVC, has plenty of experience with Middle States self-studies from working at Mount Saint Mary College, where she edited the college's self-study twice: in 1997 and again in 2007. She also wrote the college's Periodic Review Report in 2002, which is an assessment midway through the ten-year accreditation cycle demonstrating how an institution is making progress on the recommendations from its last self study.

At the moment, the college is still in the process of collecting the content to be covered in each of the chapters, but once each section is prepared, the work of assembling the self study will begin with the goal of, as Damiano describes, "bringing it into one voice and making sure there's consistency."

But before anything is sent to Middle States, the self-study will go through a thorough revision process to ensure that all points are covered. As versions of the report are drafted, those involved will have a chance to go over it and identify any problem areas.

"Once these drafts are ready, we are going to be offering campus-wide opportunities for staff, administration and faculty to come and give input to the chapters one by one. So even before we have this whole report put together, we're going to be depending on input from everybody to fill in any of the questions we might have or things we might have overlooked," George says.

The final stage of the process will be a visit by a Middle States external committee in the spring of 2012. This committee, made up largely of faculty from other higher education institutions, will spend two days on campus interviewing LVC faculty, administration and students to compile their own report, which will then be sent with the self study for final approval from Middle States.

With all the work and resources that go into creating a project like this, most of those involved believe that the process is beneficial to the overall well being of the college.

"We can now take a microscope to all our programs, take a close look and ask ourselves if we're doing what we say we're doing. And so I think it's a growth opportunity for the college in all areas," Green says.

Damiano agrees.

"It's always good to stop what you're doing every so often, to reflect on what you're doing, and to reflect with an eye for what you're doing well and where you might need some improvement," she says.

There is also consensus among those involved that the effort put forth has been and will continue to be crucial to the report's final quality, and that so far the college is "right on target" to meet its goals.

"Everyone has been so diligent in how they've approached their work, and that's just been tremendous," Liedtka says.

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CRIMEWATCH

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9-13-10 | Campus*Harassment*

A female student received explicit photos.

9-14-10 | Campus*Disturbance*

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

9-15-10 | Campus*Criminal Mischief*

An alleged automobile tire cut was reported.

9-18-10 | Campus*Criminal Mischief*

A tree was pulled.

9-18-10 | Campus*Non-Lethal Weapons*

Airsoft pellet and potato guns were confiscated.

9-19-10 | Campus*Alcohol Violation*

An intoxicated student was cited.

9-19-10 | Campus*Alcohol Violation*

An underage, intoxicated guest was cited.

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Hearts for Haiti yard sale**JON LEER '12**

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The "Hearts for Haiti" special interest house raised \$100 through a yard sale on Sept. 12—marking the first event in a year-long campaign to raise money and awareness for those in need in Haiti.

Not even the rainy weather could dampen the spirits of those involved. The group gathered at Chaplain Paul Fulmer's house in Annville around noon. The money was raised through the sale of clothing, shoes, jewelry, baskets, books and other assorted items. "With the weather conditions, not as much money was raised as expected," house president Kayla Fulfer '12 says, "but the little bit we did raise will help with the start of our bigger projects."

All of the proceeds raised this year will go to Practical Compas-

sion based out of Lebanon. Practical Compassion guarantees 100 percent of the money donated will go to Haiti. Practical Compassion has been helping Haitians long before the 7.0 magnitude earthquake further devastated the third-poorest nation in the world.

The 2010 earthquake is estimated to have killed 230,000 people and left more than one million Haitians homeless. The earthquake ravaged the vital infrastructure: Many hospitals, ports and communications lines collapsed and were destroyed.

Hearts for Haiti is planning several other events throughout this school year. The group consists of Fulfer, Caitlin Murphy '12, Elizabeth Borgia '13, Katie Seigendall '12, Rachel Armor '13 and Rachel Hoffman '13.

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NEWS

LVC welcomes Venus Ricks

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"Be the exception, not the rule." Flashing a brilliant smile, it's easy to see LVC can expect nothing less from the new Director of Multicultural Affairs, Venus Ricks.

Ricks, 30, brings years of experience to LVC. Originally from Brooklyn, N.Y., Ricks and her family moved to Sunbury, Pa. when she was a young girl. Ricks earned her degree at Susquehanna University in 2001, where she majored in sociology and minored in Spanish. She was an assistant residential director at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, where she earned her Master of Education and Higher Education Administration in 2009. Ricks' most recent employment was at Smith College, Northampton, Mass., where she worked as the director of multicultural affairs.

For Ricks, being the director of

multicultural affairs is a 24-hour job. Outside of her office, Ricks is aware that when she walks into the room people instantly recognize her as a woman of color, especially in a community that is largely white. Though she hasn't always embraced this responsibility, Ricks now views her visibility as an opportunity to live out her multicultural ideals.

"It's my life," says Ricks.

But Ricks is more than just a résumé.

In her free time, she leaves behind the academic world and indulges in a bit of reality television. Her favorite show is "Keeping up with the Kardashians." She enjoys the show because it allows the viewer to see into the complex life of an American family.

Family is a huge influence for Ricks. Being the first person in her family to go to college has made Ricks especially aware of what an opportunity it is to receive an education. Ricks' role model is her

grandmother, Pearlie Mae Williams. Growing up in the South, Williams filled the role of housewife and babysitter since higher education was not an option. Because of that, Ricks says some would suggest her grandmother was not sufficiently educated. Not so: Ricks views her grandmother as one of the most intelligent people she has ever known, and because of her, she has truly valued her educational opportunities since she knows not all intelligent people have the opportunity to be educated.

Her life at LVC so far has consisted of meeting the wonderful new people, but soon, Ricks plans to bring about a sense of community to the campus. Ricks stresses that she wants her office to be a place for all students.

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Sierra Leone dessert at LVC

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Get your forks ready for this sweet presentation. On Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. in the West Dining Hall, Osman Kamara, a native of Sierra Leone currently residing in Harrisburg, Pa., will converse with attendees about the Sierra Leone Initiative of the United Methodist Church and the relief efforts they wish to pursue in this war torn country.

Among the presenters, two delegates from Sierra Leone will also present the latest growths and developments in the West African country. Accompanying the presenters, Vic Fortna, a singer from Sierra Leone, will sing gospel music

throughout the evening.

Director of Community Service and Chaplain of Lebanon Valley College Rev. Paul Fullmer is happy to be part of the occasion.

"We're overjoyed to be able to host this informative event for local congregations and community members," Fullmer says.

Attendees will have the opportunity to try sweet snacks from the country and fellowship. All are invited. The reservation deadline is Sept. 29. General admission is \$3 per person or \$8 per family. Admission for LVC students is free. Reserve your spot on Redbook or call (717) 867-6135.

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Habitat builds in Lebanon

Students help Lebanon family in need

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This past Saturday, Habitat for Humanity organized a build in Lebanon to help finish a house that has been in the works for over a year. This house, which had suffered from massive fire damage, has been completely transformed into a new, clean and stylish living space for a special citizen of Lebanon. The future owner of the house is required to put in "Sweat-Equity" hours to help donate time and energy into fixing the place up. With the help of some LVC students, this house received storage space for every closet with the installations of shelving units. On the outside of the house, LVC volunteers helped bend metal and later applied this metal to the side of the house. The build began in the early morning and lasted until mid-afternoon, and in this time span, students worked with drills, levels, stud finders, pliers, tape measures and more!

LVC's chapter of Habitat for Humanity works with Lebanon County to help build homes every year for those who cannot afford a down payment on a loan to put towards getting a house.

These individuals are hardworking people with low incomes, so Habitat in Lebanon offers them payment without interest. The monthly payments are considerably affordable and help put deserving families in need into a new home.

Habitat for Humanity meets bi-weekly on Monday nights at 9 p.m. in the fellowship lounge in the Chapel. To sign up for a future build, log onto Redbook and express your interest. For more information contact the president of Habitat, Caleb Brown '11 at cjb003@lvc.edu.

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Stay healthy: Get a flu shot

Health center has new flu shot and new hours

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Allergies, colds and vaccinations. The fall season is upon us, and physical, mental and nutritional health needs are growing.

Flu vaccinations "are not mandatory but highly suggested," says Val Angeli, director of health services on campus.

This shot will protect most people for the entire flu season, but as with everything, it is not guaranteed. Students will receive an e-mail within the following months with more details pertaining to the vaccination and the dates and times they will be offered. The H1N1 vaccination is now incorporated into this vaccine, which means only one shot for flu season!

The common cold is a college student's most frequent sickness but not one that should go untreated. Upper respiratory infections are also a leading cause of illness during the fall months. Shroyer Health Center treats for allergies such as hay fever, using

medical personnel are available to assist students with their health care needs. Nurses are on duty Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. A practitioner will be at the Shroyer Health Center Monday through Thursday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Fridays 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Due to an overwhelming response of surveys, there is now more diversity within the physician staff—not just male doctors anymore. Now students may choose to be seen by a male or female doctor, depending on their comfort level. Preparedness is key during this fall season, and students should regularly check their e-mail for news and updates from the Shroyer Health Center.

Loratadine, as well.

"Good hand washing, eating a nutritious diet and getting enough rest are ways of preventing colds and infections," says Angeli.

The Shroyer Health Center is open Monday through Friday and



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Features

WHY DON'T (OR CAN'T) YOU GET A JOB?

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2010 hasn't been a happy year for America. And after spending several years in the worst recession in recent memory, watching the national debt reach astronomical levels and adding "Obama-care" to the list of topics that may very well end in somebody losing a limb at the Thanksgiving table, who can blame the American public for being angry at Washington?

Whether or not President Obama's hotly debated stimulus plan was effective in getting the economy moving again has polarized the nation. But, whether you're for or against the president's policy, one thing has people on both sides of the political spectrum concerned: the job market. The American economy, at first showing signs of promising improvement after the initiation of the stimulus fund, has slowed its momentum and has left the nation with a mountain of debt, an uncertain economic future over the next few years and long term and even fears of a double-dip recession.

For the many college students graduating this spring and entering the job market, but especially for those already graduated and are still looking for work, that's not welcome news.

Patricia Matter '10, an English/secondary education major, has found that the economic climate and recent issues with educational funding in the state make finding an open teaching position all the more difficult.

"Throughout the spring/summer, I sent out roughly 50 applications to school districts, resulting in nine interviews and five rejection letters or suggestions to get on the school's day-to-day substitute list," Matter says.

For those like Alexis Wilson '10 who want to remain local, the job search has been even more difficult. As a fashion buying/marketing major, Wilson has received several offers in places like Philadelphia and New York but few leads in this area.

"My job search has been so stressful. I've searched countless websites for career openings, posted my resume, delivered it in person and applied at places that have nothing to do with my major. I have had a few job offers but turned them down for different reasons," Wilson says. "I am

thankful for the offers that I got, but at the same time, I feel that if I wait, the perfect job will come along but not without a lot of looking to find it."

However, all is not bleak in terms of the local job market. Huyen Huynh '10 graduated from LVC with a degree in accounting and business administration. A desire to remain in the state made the job search more difficult for Huynh, but she was able to find a position in her field working for APR Supply Company in Lebanon, a company known for hiring qualified LVC graduates.

"The job search was not easy for me. Perhaps part of it has to do with the economic downturn and rising unemployment rate. I had a difficult time finding an entry-level position because most employers want people with at least a few years of experience, especially when there are more job seekers than the jobs available," Huynh says.

When it comes to finding work, however, it seems not all majors are created equal, at least not in the current economic climate. LVC Career Services sends a survey to the most recent graduating class six months after graduation and compiles the results of that survey in a report the following spring. The data for the class of 2010, for example, will not be available until spring 2011. The survey results for the class of 2009 seem to indicate promising results for those who did respond to the survey, at least in terms of finding work. Whether or not the position is related to the graduate's major is less clear, however. Only one respondent was listed as "unemployed," although it is worth noting that the survey itself yielded a 54.3 percent response rate for the entire class, and individual response rates for each major varied greatly. In addition, some respondents chose not to disclose their employment details, which may mean the unemployment rate for this class was actually higher at the time this data was collected. The 2009 survey results and the full report for the class of 2008 are posted online at

<http://lavieonline.lvc.edu> along with this article and features additional data including salary ranges for each major, but a simplified reproduction of the data in the 2009 results is listed with this article for your reference.

Despite the mixed results in finding work, one thing that LVC graduates across the board seem to agree on is that it isn't easy out there. And for current seniors soon to enter the job market, that reality is fast approaching. Katie DeMarco '11, a German major (secondary education) and a New Jersey native, is especially worried about finding a teaching position in her home state after graduating

"I'm nervous about the availability of jobs. You almost have to start by getting your foot in the door somewhere as a long-term substitute or something," Tranbaugh says.

Sharon Givler, director of career services, stresses the importance of taking the time to prepare for the job hunt now, whatever the outlook of finding an opening may be.

"When the economic climate is bleak and students hear 'there's just nothing out there,' there's sometimes a tendency to be unmotivated, and this is a time to really be even more motivated," Givler says. "It will take more work. It will take more passion.

The ability to market yourself to an employer is going to be primary. But you've got to stand out."

Givler also noted that for the freshmen on the other side of the job-hunting spectrum, now is "a great time to observe" and gain valuable knowledge in terms of what company representatives are looking for and how to interact with them. Going to workshops and networking opportunities will give exposure, even if it doesn't lead to an internship or job.

There's also something to be said for getting involved in extracurricular activities on campus. Matt Howell-Clarke '10, a music business major, moved to Nashville, Tenn. due to the regional nature of job availability in his field. According to Howell-Clarke, the things he did outside of class have been key interest points in job interviews.

"Every job interview I've been on has asked me about my leadership experience relating to Valley-Fest, Sinfonia, etc. Everyone they're interviewing has a college degree, so they're not as concerned with that. Again, this is in my field and it may differ from field to field. But seeing that I was president of multiple organizations has really made me stand out more than anything else on my resume," Howell-Clarke says.

And if things are looking bad in your field, there is always the option to go straight to graduate school in the hopes that by the time you complete higher education, the economy will have improved and you will be

able to have a higher starting salary. And while some fields obviously require further education beyond a bachelor's degree, if the prospect of graduate school is too daunting (and expensive), there are other options that don't require charging full steam ahead into your field. Cassy Kane '09 spent her time in college gaining a great deal of experience in writing and journalism. But rather than searching for a job in her field right after graduation, Kane opted instead to take a year to serve with AmeriCorps, working with underprivileged children and promoting literacy. Kane filled out the application while studying abroad in Greece and was accepted for a position with Leaps in Literacy in Boston.

"It was definitely a great feeling going abroad knowing there was a job waiting for me when I returned, and moreover, I would be working for a service program with a mission I'm very passionate about. Also, a great benefit of serving with AmeriCorps is that in addition to a monthly stipend, after your year of service, you receive an education award of around \$5,000 which you can use to pay off student loans or pay graduate school expenses," Kane says.

But whether you are a graduating senior, a freshman or even an alumnus of the college still looking for work, LVC has resources available to help make the job search at least a little bit easier.

"Think about connections you already have and let people know you're looking for work. Try to find out more about the organizations that you're networking with," Givler says. "Do your homework on the organizations you are interested in. Eventually, you will get an interview. You may have to do that interview within 48 hours of the time of the invitation, and you might not have time then to look in depth into the company or find questions to ask, so now is the time to do that as well."

It is difficult to say what changes half a year will bring to the economy, for better or worse. But making the best of opportunities and keeping hope in the face of rejections will be keys to success.

"Regardless of your major, I think it's going to be hard for everyone," DeMarco says.



Check out <http://lavieonline.edu> to see a graph of the jobs recent grads have found.

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Arts & Entertainment

Perry's "Dream" a musical nightmare?

Despite hype, Katy Perry's new album fails to deliver on most accounts

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Well, I just listened through Katy Perry's album "Teenage Dream" in its entirety, and I'm not sure how to respond. I feel like I just simultaneously watched "Glee" and "Jersey Shore," while playing Candy Land and riding the Tilt-a-Whirl. And, as expected, I sort of want to throw up.

Before proceeding any further, I would first like to say that I think Katy Perry is a talented singer. Her voice boasts a unique quality and a remarkable amount of power.

Too bad "Teenage Dream" fails miserably at showcasing her actual talent, instead erring on the side of unsophisticated shock-satire, paper-thin metaphor and generally awful music.

The super-ultra-platinum-summer-blockbuster-mega-hit "California Gurls" was inescapable this summer. Reportedly, Katy wrote it as a response to the Alicia Keys and Jay-Z collaboration "Empire State of Mind," feeling that the West Coast needed an anthem of their own. Apparently, Perry hasn't listened to too many Beach Boys tunes. That or she didn't think the pre-existing "California Girls" was up to snuff. (In her defense, I always thought that song could have benefited from a Snoop Dogg

cameo).

But wait, "California Gurls!"

Don't count your chips just yet. On the heels of Perry's infectiously brain-dead summer anthem came her second single, "Teenage Dream," a song which boasts slightly more heart and a strangely similar monotone melody line. Katy's airy and heart-felt crooning nearly helps us overlook lines about getting drunk on the beach and fooling around.

This "no regrets, just love" Perry establishes in the opening title track carries through the album fairly steadfastly. Across the board, the songs boast the lyrical depth of a leaky kiddie pool—Miss Perry consistently splashing us in the face with her middle school attempts at being suggestive. (Okay, we get it, Katy. You party hard.)

What really seals the deal as far as this album's hopelessness is the

track "Peacock," which might be the worst song I've ever heard in

After thoroughly trampling her own dignity to death, Katy Perry

goes on to take a few stabs at "serious" music.

The angst-ridden "Circle the Drain" the "Drain" does its best to channel Alanis Morissette but fails miserably due to lack of heart.

"The One That Got Away" comes very close to succeeding lyrically, but

at the end of the day, it's one of the weaker tracks on the album musically and

certain the listener. This song, along with "Pearl," try their best to claw their way out of the whole dug by the early tracks, but ultimately cannot rise to the occasion.

However, the album manages to end on a high note. After suffering through the penultimate track, "Hummingbird Heartbeat" ("You make me feel like I'm losing my virginity / let's pollinate to make a family tree"), we arrive at "Not Like the Movies," a surprisingly successful song with an appropriate portion of emotion and interesting musicality, two elements which were regrettably absent prior to this point. Perry's voice shines and her personality comes through sincerely for the first time.

At the end of the day, this gaudy parade album doesn't offer much. Most bad pop music is able to redeem itself through dance-ability; sadly, Ms. Perry's latest project even misses the mark in that respect (with the exception of the singles).

I'd like to now have a moment of silence for the music tastes and mental health of the thousands of ten-year-old girls who have been listening to this album on loop since its August release.

Courtesy of Google images



left me feeling like Kelly Clarkson had already done it better. Then, in the Rihanna rip-off "E.T.," the listener is bombarded with enough senseless futuristic metaphors to forget the tiny dose of emotion experienced on the preceding track.

Next comes the out-of-place soul-searching of "Who Am I Living For?," which ultimately does little to answer the question or en-

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What's happening around central PA

Activities, events and more, there is a lot to check out in the area while studying at LVC

"First Friday" in Lancaster

- Enjoy a FREE night out on Friday, Oct. 1 from 5 to 9 p.m. at Lancaster city's "First Friday." These outings are held on the first Friday of each month throughout the year in downtown Lancaster's Gallery Row.
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PERSPECTIVES

Is Jesus God?

An inquiry into the nature of Jesus' divinity

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On Monday, Sept. 20, at 7:00 p.m., Chaplain Fullmer, five panelists and a group of students and faculty gathered in the basement of Miller Chapel for a lively discussion of a religious matter that has been debated since the beginning of Christianity: Is Jesus God? By any measure, the question of Jesus' divinity is not a new topic in the realm of debate. Perhaps the most famous example from history was the Council of Nicaea in A.D. 325, when Arius proposed that Jesus was not of the same matter as God and thus was not God; 300 members of the Council eventually voted that Jesus was equal and coeternal to God the Father, easily outnumbering the three members that had supported Arian beliefs.

The five students that constituted the panel were far from sharing the same opinions about Jesus' divinity. One possible reason for the variety of opinion was that each panelist represented a different religious view-

point: two panelists were Evangelical Christians, one was a Deist, one was an Evangelical Lutheran, and one was Jewish. Despite their religious differences, each panelist was given an equal chance to express his or her views.

The forum was set up in the following manner: Chaplain Fullmer asked two questions about the New Testament's and history's views of Jesus Christ. For each question, panelists were given four minutes to explain their opinions based on their knowledge of the New Testament and historical records of Jesus' life and actions.

The discussion began when Chaplain Fullmer asked the panelists, "Does the New Testament teach that Jesus is God?" The panelists who agreed that the New Testament taught that Jesus is God stated that the Gospel of John best supported their opinions, as John the Evangelist equates Jesus to the Word of God and Jesus often refers to himself as "I am," a statement usually applied to Yahweh, the Jewish name for God. In supporting this view, pan-

elist Kayla Baldwin '12 said, "The New Testament writers realized that if Jesus wasn't God, then there couldn't be Christianity." The panelists who said that the New Testament did not teach Jesus as God supported their opinion by stating that Jesus never directly refers to himself to God in the New Testament and that the Bible is man's interpretation of God because God is absolute. However, one panelist said he felt that people should still worship Jesus because Jesus worshipped God.

Next, Chaplain Fullmer asked the panelists, "Does history present Jesus as God?" One panelist stated that Jesus believed himself to be a part of God. However, the panelist stated that he was not sure if Jesus was right to assert this view of himself, but he still believed that Jesus is God because he converted so many people with his resurrection. Another panelist said that history does not teach that Jesus is God, because historical sources tend to depict Jesus as a moral teacher only. Chris Klimovitz '11 said that he believed that the many historical in-

consistencies in Jesus' life seemed to imply that Jesus is not God.

After the panelists answered those two questions, members of the audience were then allowed to ask the panelists questions. These questions ranged from inquisition on the way panelists viewed Jesus' nature to the possibility of finding an absolute truth about God. But perhaps the most interesting question presented by an audience member was, "How do you relate to people with different religious views than yours?" Although the panelists had varying opinions on previous questions, all five panelists agreed that it's important to tolerate the views of others, no matter how different those views may be from yours.

Overall, the forum served to bring to the forefront the diversity of opinion surrounding the divinity of Jesus. Though views were often contrasting, the discussion remained civil and tolerant. The panelists could not have been more pleased with those conditions.

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Quirky Classes – Worth it or Not?

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On Sunday, Sept. 5, *The Patriot News* published an article entitled, "Messiah College, Lebanon Valley College, HACC offering quirky courses" written by Mary Klaus. The article itself is well-written, interesting and respectful. It mentions several "quirky" classes, for example "Monsters" at Messiah College, "Elementary Sanskrit" and "They're Coming to Get You: Zombies, Mass Culture and Art" at our own Lebanon Valley, and "Unidentified Flying Objects and Near-Death Experiences" (Sociology 282) at Harrisburg Area Community College. Klaus discusses how these classes draw students to liberal arts colleges and provide a welcome relief from a standard English or math class, offering students critical thinking skills and

ways to "think outside the box."

What is truly shocking about this article is not the article itself but rather the ignorant and abusive comments which follow it. Many of the comments are not only rude but disrespectful as they make claims that classes such as these are dumb, worthless and a waste of money. Some posts even go so far as to claim that these classes are only at these schools to help student-athletes graduate. There are over six pages of comments on the article, and as the pages increase, so does the level of ridiculousness of the comments. Some posts even alluded to these classes, and colleges which offer these classes, being the reason why America is "in such trouble." Many of the people who wrote the abusive comments believe that college is a waste of time and not worth the money. They insult not only the colleges

listed but also the students who attend them.

Not to mention, there are many well-written and properly articulated posts written by professors and students taking said "dumb courses," which counter such comments with the argument that these classes, though they have odd names, are in fact challenging, writing/reading intensive classes through which students learn critical thinking and analytical skills.

As a student at LVC, especially one who has taken the "Sex and the City" first-year seminar class, I was not only shocked but astounded at the level of ignorance the people commenting on this article displayed. Lebanon Valley offers a variety of rigorous and challenging courses, including many first year seminar classes, for example "Zombies, Mass Culture and Art." There are stringent requirements for all classes offered at Lebanon Valley, and for people to say that we are wasting our money by attending a college which would offer such courses is ridiculous. Also, "Elementary Sanskrit" is one of the "quirky" classes listed; what is so easy about Sanskrit?

I learned a lot in my first year seminar class, first of all, because I enjoyed it. The class had very interesting sub-

ject material, such as studying feminism and women's changing roles in society. Yes, we used the TV series *Sex and the City* as one way to study women's roles in society, but that made the class even more interesting and unique. It was a reading- and writing- intensive class with excellent discussion in which the class actually participated. Yes, it was a "quirky" class, but who says you can't learn just as much in a "quirky class" as you can in a standard class? The beauty of education is that to truly be educated, you must be well rounded; you must have the capability of looking at the world with open eyes. The colleges listed in Klaus' article obviously recognize the importance of ensuring that education does not mean simply reading a book but rather gaining experience and knowledge in various ways, which their students will use to be successful, open-minded, articulate and productive members of society—perhaps the type of education that the people commenting negatively on the article did not have. Maybe America is in "such trouble" not because of "quirky classes" offered at colleges but because ignorant people continually pass judgment on topics, which they most obviously know nothing about.

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SPORTS

SCOREBOARD

Golf

@ Susquehanna Tournament,
9/25:
14th out of 14

Men's Soccer

@ Susquehanna, 9/23 :
W 2-1
@ Wilkes, 9/25 : L 0-2

Men's Tennis

vs. Susquehanna, 9/25 : L 1-8

Field Hockey

@ Gettysburg, 9/22 : halted due
to lightning, LVC led 2-0

Women's Soccer

@ Haverford, 9/22 : W 1-0
@ Eastern, 9/25 : W 3-0

Women's Tennis

vs. Goucher, 9/23 : W 7-2
vs. Susquehanna, 9/25 : L 4-5
vs. Neumann, 9/27 : Postponed

Women's Volleyball

@ F&M, 9/24 : L 0-3
vs. Susquehanna, 9/25 : L 0-3
vs. Marymount, 9/25 : W 3-0

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

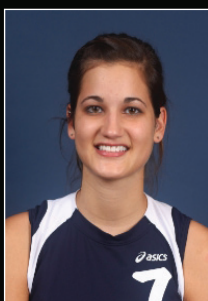
ELY KIRKOFF WOMEN'S SOCCER

Senior Ely Kirkoff scored the only goal against Haverford College on Tuesday, Sept. 22 as the Dutchmen pulled out the 1-0 victory. Kirkoff scored unassisted with only 35 seconds remaining in the game, breaking the team's two game losing streak.



JOELLE SNYDER VOLLEYBALL

Senior Joelle Snyder was named this week's Commonwealth Conference's Volleyball player of the week for the eighth time in her career after recording 49 kills, 11 total blocks, and a .441 hitting average in the team's four matches last week.



Men's soccer remains split

SHERAE JONES '11
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

The LVC Men's Soccer Team is having a solid 2010 season so far. The Dutchmen are now 4-4 overall. They have recorded two wins and two losses in their last

four games. They were defeated by Moravian 1-3 on Sept. 18 and by Wilkes 0-2 on Sept. 25. However, they defeated Susquehanna 2-1 on Sept. 23 and Eastern Mennonite University 4-0.

Against Susquehanna, Juniors Brendan Steele and Chris

Hall were responsible for the two goals. Steele scored the first goal, and Hall scored the second goal that secured the win with two minutes to go in regulation. Susquehanna dominated the Dutchmen in shots, 5-2, and then again in corner kicks, 3-1, all in the first half. Sophomore James Clements had six saves for LVC.

The Dutchmen were shutout 2-0 against Wilkes. Both of Wilkes goals were scored by Michael Turner. During the first half, LVC had nine shots and three corner kicks, while Wilkes had two shots and four corner kicks. In the second half, LVC had nine shots and three corner kicks, while Wilkes had six shots and one corner kick.

The team will host Misericordia University on Sept. 29 at 4 p.m. Come out and support the team.



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SUCCESS VS. SUSQUEHANNA Junior Brendan Steele scores one goal in Dutchmen 2-1 victory over Susquehanna on Thursday

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Schedule

Wednesday, 9/29

Men's Soccer vs. Misericordia, 4 p.m.

Volleyball vs. Albright, 7 p.m.

Thursday 9/30

Field hockey vs. Susquehanna, 4 p.m.

Volleyball @ Haverford, 7 p.m.

Golf @ Messiah Tournament, TBA

Friday, 10/1

Women's Cross Country @ Paul Short Run, 1 p.m.

Men's Cross Country @ Paul Short Run, 1:45 p.m.

Saturday, 10/2

Volleyball vs. DeSales, 10:30 a.m.

Women's Soccer vs. Messiah, 3 p.m.

Football @ Delaware Valley, 1 p.m.

Men's Tennis vs. Cabrini, 1 p.m.

Volleyball vs. Eastern, 1:30 p.m.

Field hockey @ Eastern Mennonite, 2 p.m.

Men's Soccer vs. Messiah, 3 p.m.

Women's soccer wins two

After two tough losses, women's soccer triumphs

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The LVC Women's Soccer Team is continuing to perform in a decent manner this season. The Dutchmen are now at an overall record of 5-4, including one tie.

The team has won two of their last four games. They suffered a very tough loss on Sept. 18 against Susquehanna University, 1-2 in double overtime. The loss stemmed just two days after losing to Wilkes 1-3 on Sept. 16. However, the Dutchmen managed to pull off two consecutive victories after the two losses.

Against Haverford College on Sept. 22, the Dutchmen played a close, competitive match against the Fords. With only 35 seconds remaining in regulation, Senior Ely Kirkhoff scored the sole goal of the game to give the Dutchmen a 1-0 win. Freshman



Photo courtesy of GoDutchmen.com

LAST SECOND SCORE Senior Ely Kirkhoff scores with 35 seconds remaining, granting Dutchmen 1-0 victory over Haverford

Becca Sykes had five saves in the contest. Although LVC walked away with the victory, the Fords dominated the field in shots and corner kicks. Haverford had 11

shots, while LVC only had eight, three of which were by sophomore Nikki Snyder. Haverford had six corner kicks, while LVC had two.

On Saturday, Sept. 25, the Dutchmen made women's soccer program history at LVC when they defeated nationally ranked #24 Eastern University. The Dutchmen walked away with a 3-0 win. Team effort and an all around good performance enabled the Dutchmen to win. Junior Sami Young had her fourth shutout of the season. Sykes, Snyder and Lauren King '11 were responsible for each of the three goals.

The team will host Messiah College in Commonwealth Conference contest on Saturday, Oct. 2 at 12 p.m. before hosting King's College on Tuesday, Oct. 5 at 4 p.m. Come out and support the team.

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SPORTS

Women's basketball supporting off the court

Home family and LVC family unite to fight cancer

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For Liz Borgia '13, women's basketball player and biology major, leaving her home in Scranton to come to school at Lebanon Valley College is a bit harder for her than it is for most. At home are Borgia's family and her mother, Theresa, who has been battling cancer for 10 years.

The fight for the Borgia family began in 1997 when her mother was diagnosed with breast cancer. This past Sept. 11, the Borgia family was joined in their fight when Borgia brought her LVC family, the women's basketball team, to Scranton for the 20th Annual Susan G. Komen NEPA Race for the Cure.

Theresa, the honorary member of the event, did not expect to see her daughter at the race that day, since Borgia was overwhelmed with schoolwork back at LVC.

However, moments before the "Team Theresa" group photo was taken, Borgia, with her teammates, appeared around the corner, surprising her mom.

"It was very emotional; Liz's mom was so happy to see her there. It was great to support her on a day that had so much meaning, and what made it even better

was doing it together as a team while representing LVC," said teammate Gia Russo '13.

The whirlwind of emotion did not end with the surprise from

Theresa's daughter. In front of a crowd of 10,000 people prior to the 3-mile run/walk, Theresa and Borgia stood on stage while Borgia shared their story of courage and gave an inspiring message to all in attendance.

The LVC women's basketball team, already supportive of breast cancer issues with their annual Pink Game, was happy to be a part of the race.

When Borgia first mentioned the event to her teammates she said, "Their support was overwhelming and they immediately accepted the invitation and started working on T-shirts and posters. It really meant a lot to me."

Involvement in the race reached the highest in the history of the Susan G. Komen NEPA Race for the Cure and raised around \$300,000 for breast cancer research and awareness.

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Photo courtesy of Liz Borgia '13

THINK PINK Sophomore Liz Borgia and teammates attend Susan G. Komen NEPA Race for the Cure to help fight cancer in the off-season

Women's volleyball clenches second conference victory

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TABITHA BROBST '11
LA VIE STAFF WRITERS

LVC Volleyball is back at it again with its second overall conference win against Widener University Tuesday night, making its record 2-0.

Leading the team were seniors Emily Hopkins and Joelle Snyder, who added a total of 23 kills in the match. In addition, Jamie Hawk '12 had a .556 hitting percentage, a team high for the season, and Emily Perkins '11 had 34 assists, making her career total 375.

In the first match, the Dutchmen had a 20-13 lead, but Widener followed, scoring seven straight points to tie the score. An error by Widener set up a match point and Hawk won the match for LVC with a service ace. In the second match, both teams were neck and neck until Megan Schoch '14 came through with a

kill for the Dutchmen, winning the second match. Finally, in the third match, Widener started off with a six point lead, but LVC came right back and won the match 25-19.

"As a team, we were really focused and ready to play. Since we lost to them last year during the season, we didn't want to see the same outcome again. Our front row did a great job with block-

ing, which is always a big help for the defense trying to pick up hits off of a bigger team. But I think our back row did a good job as well picking them up when necessary," says Captain Angela



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Kuperavage '12.

In other match-ups for the Dutchmen, the team traveled to the Franklin and Marshall Tournament. On Friday, the Dutchmen fell to Franklin and Marshall, 0-3. Key players were Snyder who had 11 kills and Kuperavage who had 19 digs during the game. On Saturday, the Dutchmen were shut out again, this time by Susquehanna University, 0-3. Snyder added 13 more kills to her career and teammate Perkins added 39 assists. In their final match up the Dutchmen rolled over Marymount, 3-0.

Coming up this week for LVC Volleyball is a home match against Albright on Sept. 29, an away match at Haverford on Sept. 30 and the home MAC Crossover Tournament on Oct. 2.

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